

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 25, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendments have been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-10, 12-15, and 17 are pending in this application. Claims 1-16 stand rejected. Claims 11 and 16 have been canceled. Claim 17 is newly added. No new fee is believed due for Claim 17.

The rejection of Claims 1-2, 4-6, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(c) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 103(a) as obvious over Jacobson (U.S. Patent No. 6,499,227) ("Jacobson") in view of Rudeen et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0084495) ("Rudeen") or Antczak et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,934,530) ("Antczak") is respectfully traversed.

Jacobson describes a sports glove drying device that includes a strap (35) that is extended around a pole (20) of a golf cart (15), such that a first end (34) of strap (35) extends a distance outwardly from pole (20). A card (40) is coupled to, and is suspended from, the strap first end (34) that extends outwardly from pole (20). A glove attachment device (50) is secured to the bottom of card (40) such that a glove may be suspended from the bottom of card (40), such that the glove is a distance from pole (20) and is below strap (35). Notably, Jacobson does not describe nor suggest a sleeve with a body that substantially conforms to the external surface of a golf cart frame support when the sleeve is coupled to the frame and wherein the glove is directly attached against an outer surface of the sleeve body.

Rudeen describes a carrier device (100) that is suspended from an individual's apparel such that all of the accessory items are conveniently accessible during a game of golf. Device (100) is coupled to an individual's belt or the top of the individual's pants. Device (100) also includes a carrier member (200) having an elongated hollow body that is sized to receive one or more golf balls therein, and a glove attachment surface (210) that engages a portion of a golf glove, such that the glove can be stored when not being used by the individual. Notably, Rudeen does not describe nor suggest a sleeve with a body that substantially conforms to the external surface of a golf cart frame support when the sleeve is

coupled to the frame and wherein the glove is directly attached against an outer surface of the sleeve body.

Antczak describes a golf accessory organizer that allows a golfer to carry and easily access golf items. The organizer includes a supporting member (1) that attaches to a golfer's belt or waistband using a clip (23). Supporting member (1) includes a golf ball bag (41), tee holders (5, 7, 9, and 11), and a hook and loop area (19) for attaching a golf glove (53). Notably, Antczak does not describe nor suggest a sleeve with a body that substantially conforms to the external surface of a golf cart frame support when the sleeve is coupled to the frame and wherein the glove is directly attached against an outer surface of the sleeve body.

Claim 1 recites a golf cart comprising "a golf cart frame support having at least one external surface and defining a longitudinal axis . . . a sleeve for coupling a glove to said support, said sleeve comprising a first end, an opposing second end, and a body extending therebetween, said body comprising an inner surface and an outer surface, said body coupled to said support such that a central axis of said body extends from said first end to said second end, said central axis is substantially coaxial with said longitudinal axis such that said body substantially conforms to said at least one external surface of said support when coupled to said support, said inner surface comprising at least one first fastening mechanism for coupling said body to said support, said outer surface comprising at least one second fastening mechanism for removably coupling the glove directly to said body such that a surface of the glove remains coupled against said outer surface in a mating arrangement when said sleeve is coupled to said support."

None of Jacobson, Rudeen, or Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes nor suggests a golf cart as is recited in Claim 1. More specifically, neither Jacobson, Rudeen, nor Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a golf cart including a golf cart frame support having at least one external surface and a sleeve for coupling a glove to the support, wherein the sleeve has a first end, an opposing second end, and a body extending therebetween, such that the body substantially conforms to the at least one external surface of the support when coupled to the support, and such that the glove is directly

coupled against an outer surface of the body in a mating arrangement when the body is coupled to the support. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Jacobson describes a sports glove drying device that includes a strap that extends a distance outwardly from a pole, wherein a glove is suspended from the bottom of the card coupled to the strap such that the glove remains a distance outward from the pole and below the strap. Rudeen describes a carrier device that engages an individual's belt and that includes an elongated hollow body that secures one or more golf balls therein and a glove attachment surface that may engage a golf glove, and Antczak describes a golf accessory organizer that includes a supporting member that is attached to a golfer's belt, where the supporting member includes a golf ball bag, tee holders, and a hook and loop area for attaching a golf glove. Accordingly, Claim 1 is submitted to be patentable over Jacobson in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claims 2 and 4-6 depend from independent Claim 1. When the recitations of Claims 2 and 4-6 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 2 and 4-6 likewise are patentable over Jacobson in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Additionally, if art "teaches away" from a claimed invention, such a teaching supports the nonobviousness of the invention. U.S. v. Adams, 148 U.S.P.Q. 479 (1966); Gillette Co. v. S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., 16 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1923, 1927 (Fed. Cir. 1990). In light of this standard, it is respectfully submitted that the cited art, as a whole, is not suggestive of the presently claimed invention. Specifically, Applicant respectfully submits that Rudeen teaches away from the present invention, and as such, Rudeen supports the nonobviousness of the present invention. More specifically, Rudeen describes a carrier device with a hollow body that is sized to receive one or more golf balls therein, and in contrast to the present invention, Rudeen does not describe nor suggest a sleeve that substantially conforms to an external surface of a golf cart frame support. As such, the presently pending claims are patentably distinguishable from the cited combination.

Claim 16 has been canceled.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103 rejection of Claims 1-2, 4-6, and 16 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1-12 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 103(a) as obvious over Ellenburg (U.S. Patent No. 5,983,518) (“Ellenburg”) in view of Rudeen et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0084495) (“Rudeen”) or Antczak et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,934,530) (“Antczak”) is respectfully traversed.

Rudeen and Antczak are described above. Ellenburg describes a golf glove dryer (10) that attaches to a golf cart. Specifically, golf glove dryer (10) includes a shaft (19) coupled at a first end to a clamp (20) and coupled at a second end to a hollow shell (12). Clamp (20) is coupled to a roof support (32) of the golf cart such that shaft (19) extends outwardly from support (32), such that hollow shell (12) is suspended a distance from support (32). A glove (36) is positioned over an end (16) of hollow shell (12) and is secured around hollow shell (12), thereby suspending glove (36) a distance from clamp (20) and allowing air to flow through hollow shell (12) into glove (36) in order to dry glove (36). Notably, Ellenburg does not describe nor suggest a sleeve that substantially conforms to the external surface of a golf cart frame support when the sleeve is coupled to the frame and wherein the glove is directly attached against an outer surface of the sleeve body.

Claim 1 recites a golf cart comprising “a golf cart frame support having at least one external surface and defining a longitudinal axis . . . a sleeve for coupling a glove to said support, said sleeve comprising a first end, an opposing second end, and a body extending therebetween, said body comprising an inner surface and an outer surface, said body coupled to said support such that a central axis of said body extends from said first end to said second end, said central axis is substantially coaxial with said longitudinal axis such that said body substantially conforms to said at least one external surface of said support when coupled to said support, said inner surface comprising at least one first fastening mechanism for coupling said body to said support, said outer surface comprising at least one second fastening mechanism for removably coupling the glove directly to said body such that a

surface of the glove remains coupled against said outer surface in a mating arrangement when said sleeve is coupled to said support.”

None of Ellenburg, Rudeen, or Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes nor suggests a golf cart as is recited in Claim 1. More specifically, none of Ellenburg, Rudeen, nor Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a golf cart including a golf cart frame support having at least one external surface and a sleeve for coupling a glove to the support, wherein the sleeve has a first end, an opposing second end, and a body extending therebetween, such that the body substantially conforms to the at least one external surface of the support when coupled to the support, and such that the glove is directly coupled against an outer surface of the body in a mating arrangement when the body is coupled to the support. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Ellenburg describes a golf glove dryer that includes a shaft coupled at a first end to a clamp and at a second end to a hollow shell for drying a golf glove, wherein the clamp is coupled to a roof support of a golf cart such that the shaft extends outwardly from the support, and such that the hollow shell and glove are suspended a distance from the clamp. Rudeen describes a carrier device that engages an individual's belt and that includes an elongated hollow body that secures one or more golf balls therein and a glove attachment surface that may engage a golf glove, and Antczak describes a golf accessory organizer that includes a supporting member that is attached to a golfer's belt, where the supporting member includes a golf ball bag, tee holders, and a hook and loop area for attaching a golf glove. Accordingly, Claim 1 is submitted to be patentable over Ellenburg in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claims 2-6 depend from independent Claim 1. When the recitations of Claims 2-6 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 2-6 likewise are patentable over Ellenburg in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claim 7 recites a golf glove drying sleeve for use with a frame support having a longitudinal axis extending therethrough, said sleeve comprising “a first end, an opposing second end, and a body extending therebetween, said body comprises an inner surface and an opposing outer surface, said body is configured to couple to the frame support such that a

central axis of said sleeve extends from said first end to said second end, said central axis is substantially coaxial with the frame longitudinal axis such that said body substantially conforms to an external surface of the support when said sleeve is coupled to said support, said inner surface comprises at least one first fastening mechanism for coupling said body to the support, said outer surface comprises at least one second fastening mechanism for removably coupling a golf glove directly against said body such that the glove remains coupled in a mating arrangement against said outer surface when said sleeve is coupled to the support.”

None of Ellenburg, Rudeen, or Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes nor suggests a golf glove drying sleeve as is recited in Claim 7. More specifically, neither Ellenburg, Rudeen, nor Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a golf glove drying sleeve for use with a frame support, where the sleeve has a first end, an opposing second end, and a body extending therebetween, such that the body substantially conforms to the an external surface of the support when the sleeve is coupled to the support and such that a golf glove directly couples against the body such that the glove remains in a mating arrangement against an outer surface of the body when the sleeve is coupled to the support. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Ellenburg describes a golf glove dryer that includes a shaft coupled at a first end to a clamp and at a second end to a hollow shell for drying a golf glove, wherein the clamp is coupled to a roof support of a golf cart such that the shaft extends outwardly from the support and such that the hollow shell and glove are suspended a distance from the clamp. Rudeen describes a carrier device that engages an individual’s belt and that includes an elongated hollow body that secures one or more golf balls therein and a glove attachment surface that may engage a golf glove, and Antczak describes a golf accessory organizer that includes a supporting member that is attached to a golfer’s belt, where the supporting member includes a golf ball bag, tee holders, and a hook and loop area for attaching a golf glove. Accordingly, Claim 7 is submitted to be patentable over Ellenburg in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claims 8-10 and 12 depend from independent Claim 7. Claim 11 has been canceled. When the recitations of Claims 8-10 and 12 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 7, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 8-10 and 12 likewise are patentable over Ellenburg in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Additionally, if art “teaches away” from a claimed invention, such a teaching supports the nonobviousness of the invention. U.S. v. Adams, 148 U.S.P.Q. 479 (1966); Gillette Co. v. S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., 16 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1923, 1927 (Fed. Cir. 1990). In light of this standard, it is respectfully submitted that the cited art, as a whole, is not suggestive of the presently claimed invention. Specifically, Applicant respectfully submits that Rudeen teaches away from the present invention, and as such, Rudeen supports the nonobviousness of the present invention. More specifically, Rudeen describes a carrier device with a hollow body that is sized to receive one or more golf balls therein, and in contrast to the present invention, Rudeen does not describe nor suggest a sleeve that substantially conforms to an external surface of a golf cart frame support. As such, the presently pending claims are patentably distinguishable from the cited combination.

Claim 16 has been canceled.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103 rejection of Claims 1-12 and 16 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 103(a) as obvious over Passafiume (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0138953) (“Passafiume”) in view of Rudeen et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0084495) (“Rudeen”) or Antczak et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,934,530) (“Antczak”) is respectfully traversed.

Rudeen and Antczak are described above. Passafiume describes a golf glove holder (10) that is mounted to a golf cart frame member (12). Golf glove holder (10) includes an attachment member (50) and a main body (30). Attachment member (50) wraps around a portion of body frame member (12) such that an adjustable strap (64) extending around the outer surface of attachment member (50) secures the attachment member (50) to body frame

member (12). Main body (30) couples to attachment member (50) and extends outwardly a distance from attachment member (50). Main body (30) is cylindrical in shape and holds a golf glove (20) such that the golf glove (20) is suspended a distance outward from attachment member (50). Notably, Passafiume does not describe nor suggest a sleeve that substantially conforms to the external surface of a golf cart frame support when the sleeve is coupled to the frame and wherein the glove is directly attached against an outer surface of the sleeve body.

Claim 1 recites a golf cart comprising “a golf cart frame support having at least one external surface and defining a longitudinal axis . . . a sleeve for coupling a glove to said support, said sleeve comprising a first end, an opposing second end, and a body extending therebetween, said body comprising an inner surface and an outer surface, said body coupled to said support such that a central axis of said body extends from said first end to said second end, said central axis is substantially coaxial with said longitudinal axis such that said body substantially conforms to said at least one external surface of said support when coupled to said support, said inner surface comprising at least one first fastening mechanism for coupling said body to said support, said outer surface comprising at least one second fastening mechanism for removably coupling the glove directly to said body such that a surface of the glove remains coupled against said outer surface in a mating arrangement when said sleeve is coupled to said support.”

None of Passafiume, Rudeen, or Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes nor suggests a golf cart as is recited in Claim 1. More specifically, neither Passafiume, Rudeen, nor Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a golf cart including a golf cart frame support having at least one external surface and a sleeve for coupling a glove to the support, wherein the sleeve has a first end, an opposing second end, and a body extending therebetween, such that the body substantially conforms to the at least one external surface of the support when coupled to the support, and such that the glove is directly coupled against an outer surface of the body in a mating arrangement when the body is coupled to the support. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Passafiume describes a golf glove holder that includes an attachment member and a cylindrical main

body that holds a golf glove a distance outwardly from the attachment member. Rudeen describes a carrier device that engages an individual's belt and that includes an elongated hollow body that secures one or more golf balls therein and a glove attachment surface that may engage a golf glove, and Antczak describes a golf accessory organizer that includes a supporting member that is attached to a golfer's belt, where the supporting member includes a golf ball bag, tee holders, and a hook and loop area for attaching a golf glove. Accordingly, Claim 1 is submitted to be patentable over Passafiume in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claims 2-6 depend from independent Claim 1. When the recitations of Claims 2-6 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 2-6 likewise are patentable over Passafiume in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claim 7 recites a golf glove drying sleeve for use with a frame support having a longitudinal axis extending therethrough, said sleeve comprising "a first end, an opposing second end, and a body extending therebetween, said body comprises an inner surface and an opposing outer surface, said body is configured to couple to the frame support such that a central axis of said sleeve extends from said first end to said second end, said central axis is substantially coaxial with the frame longitudinal axis such that said body substantially conforms to an external surface of the support when said sleeve is coupled to said support, said inner surface comprises at least one first fastening mechanism for coupling said body to the support, said outer surface comprises at least one second fastening mechanism for removably coupling a golf glove directly against said body such that the glove remains coupled in a mating arrangement against said outer surface when said sleeve is coupled to the support."

None of Passafiume, Rudeen, or Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes nor suggests a golf glove drying sleeve as is recited in Claim 7. More specifically, neither Passafiume, Rudeen, nor Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a golf glove drying sleeve for use with a frame support, where the sleeve has a first end, an opposing second end, and a body extending therebetween, such that the body substantially conforms to the an external surface of the support when the sleeve is coupled to

the support and such that a golf glove directly couples against the body such that the glove remains in a mating arrangement against an outer surface of the body when the sleeve is coupled to the support. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Passafiume describes a golf glove holder that includes an attachment member and a cylindrical main body that holds a golf glove a distance outwardly from the attachment member. Rudeen describes a carrier device that engages an individual's belt and that includes an elongated hollow body that secures one or more golf balls therein and a glove attachment surface that may engage a golf glove, and Antczak describes a golf accessory organizer that includes a supporting member that is attached to a golfer's belt, where the supporting member includes a golf ball bag, tee holders, and a hook and loop area for attaching a golf glove. Accordingly, Claim 7 is submitted to be patentable over Passafiume in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claims 8-10 and 12 depend from independent Claim 7. Claim 11 has been canceled. When the recitations of Claims 8-10 and 12 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 7, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 8-10 and 12 likewise are patentable over Passafiume in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claim 13 recites a method of drying a damp golf glove, said method comprising "providing a golf cart frame support that includes a longitudinal axis extending therethrough . . . providing a sleeve that includes a first end, an opposing second end, and a body extending therebetween, wherein the body includes an inner surface and an outer surface . . . coupling the sleeve to the support such that a central axis of the sleeve extends from the sleeve first end to the second end and such that the central axis is oriented substantially coaxial with the longitudinal axis such that the body substantially conforms to an external surface of the support when the sleeve is coupled to the support . . . securing the sleeve to the support using at least one first fastening mechanism coupled to the inner surface of the body . . . removably coupling a golf glove to the body using at least one second fastening mechanism such that the glove is directly coupled against the outer surface in a mating arrangement when the sleeve is coupled to the support."

None of Passafiume, Rudeen, or Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes nor suggests a method of drying a damp golf glove as is recited in Claim 13. More specifically, neither Passafiume, Rudeen, nor Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a method of drying a damp golf glove, where the method includes providing a golf cart frame support, providing a sleeve that includes a first end, an opposing second end, and a body extending therebetween, coupling the sleeve to the support such that the body substantially conforms to an external surface of the support when the sleeve is coupled to the support, securing the sleeve to the support, and removably coupling a golf glove to the body using at least one second fastening mechanism such that the glove is directly coupled against an outer surface of the body in a mating arrangement when the sleeve is coupled to the support. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Passafiume describes a golf glove holder that includes an attachment member and a cylindrical main body that holds a golf glove a distance outwardly from the attachment member. Rudeen describes a carrier device that engages an individual's belt and that includes an elongated hollow body that secures one or more golf balls therein and a glove attachment surface that may engage a golf glove, and Antczak describes a golf accessory organizer that includes a supporting member that is attached to a golfer's belt, where the supporting member includes a golf ball bag, tee holders, and a hook and loop area for attaching a golf glove. Accordingly, Claim 13 is submitted to be patentable over Passafiume in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claims 14 and 15 depend from independent Claim 13. When the recitations of Claims 14 and 15 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 13, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 14 and 15 likewise are patentable over Passafiume in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Additionally, if art "teaches away" from a claimed invention, such a teaching supports the nonobviousness of the invention. U.S. v. Adams, 148 U.S.P.Q. 479 (1966); Gillette Co. v. S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., 16 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1923, 1927 (Fed. Cir. 1990). In light of this standard, it is respectfully submitted that the cited art, as a whole, is not suggestive of the presently claimed invention. Specifically, Applicant respectfully submits that Rudeen

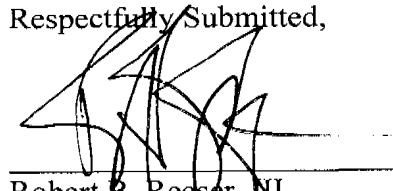
teaches away from the present invention, and as such, Rudeen supports the nonobviousness of the present invention. More specifically, Rudeen describes a carrier device with a hollow body that is sized to receive one or more golf balls therein, and in contrast to the present invention, Rudeen does not describe nor suggest a sleeve that substantially conforms to an external surface of a golf cart frame support. As such, the presently pending claims are patentably distinguishable from the cited combination.

Claim 16 has been canceled.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103 rejection of Claims 1-16 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all of the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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